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1. Ball bearings for trucks are being manufactured in the local metal works in Katowice, 14-19 Fabryczna Street. All are transported to the USSR. The factory employs approximately 1,500 workers, and eight Soviet engineers are on the technical staff. Polish soldiers guard the area.
2. A big explosion occurred in the Huta Batory in Chorzow on 19 May 1952, as a result of a defective furnace. Eight workmen were seriously injured. The UB (Security Police) arrested the chief engineer, a Pole, and three workmen on a charge of sabotage.
3. The foundry is now producing steel plate, 5 mm. thick, 1 m. 20 cm. wide, and 3 m. long. The plates are all transported to the USSR.

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